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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE



P. L. DYSARD, Manager of Princess Theatre, Lewisburg, W. Va. To have October Drive for Business

Manager Dysard announces that he has dated for the PRINCESS THEATRE during the month of October the greatest number of good pictures ever shown in Lewisburg in one month's time and probably no first run theatre in this state has dated so many outstanding pictures in the same length of time.

Look over the months program in this paper and you will note several pictures you will want to see.

Mr. Dysard has been engaged in the moving picture business for over

twenty years, starting in Richwood, and is well and favorably known in the moving picture industry, making it possible for him to secure the best of pictures and show them at popular admission.

P. L., as he is known by his friends is a native of Greenbrier Valley, being born in Pocahontas County, the only son of the late, well known Pocahontas merchant, Lawrence and Ella McLaughlin Dysard. He has been in the moving picture business in Lewisburg since January 15 1933.

THE BIRTH OF A BABY

By Jesse Chapman in the Covington-Virginian.

"We saw 'The Birth of a Baby' and sitting beside us and in almost every section of Shanklin's Grand Theatre were a large number—almost a hundred—of Covingtonians who had made the trip to Roncoverte, West Virginia, last night to see a motion picture that the Virginia board of censors had frowned upon. We saw the story of motherhood, and 'a baby born before our very eyes,' but of all the people in the near packed theatre, we don't believe there was a one whose modesty was shocked.

Our neighbors were as representative a group as one could imagine. Husbands brought their wives, mothers and fathers brought their daughters and sons and young men brought their sweethearts. Even wise old grandmothers were there.

We witnessed West Virginia's first showing of the picture heard 'round-the-world. The small, mountain city of Roncoverte boldly accepted the lead-off position and played host to the people from the two Virginias, some of them coming many miles.

It was just like another movie, and the crowd took it in just the same stride. They saw a news-reel, the preview, a cartoon and a short subject before them. And for one hour and five minutes they saw and heard a movie that has been endorsed by every medical association that has seen it, but banned by many state boards of censors.

A picture designed to lower the maternal death rate by its showing before an open-minded world, 'The Birth of a Baby' in our opinion, will do just that. The picture does this in as clean a way and as free from suggestion and vulgarity as is possible, and frankly it surprised us.

From the moment when a grandmother tells her daughter: 'My mother died when I was born' until the final scenes when a new born baby pukes-up its little nose and mouth and begins 'bawling for life,' our interest was centered on the silver screen, and no usual disturbance anywhere could easily have detracted our attention.

How a baby's life begins, from conception to birth, mingled with sound advice from a lovable physician, made the film not an entertainment, but an education.

Not a vulgar word was spoken. The characters did not misuse words,

but wherever possible, medical and professional terms were used, and in such a manner as to be simple as wasday. Prenatal development was shown and explained by pencilled drawings.

Highlights of the movie were in the actual portrayals: Of a mother's advice to her daughter, of the kindly doctor listening to the heartbeat of the unborn baby and the thump-thump that the audience could hear from the physician's stethoscope; of the bridge game broken up by the doctor's call of a hysterical father and the climax—that of the actual filming of the birth of the baby.

During the entire picture the audience sat still and attentive. Not a murmur of disapproval was heard and no demonstration whatsoever.

There were laughs—we counted eleven times that the entire audience chuckled. But every smile and every laugh that came was caused not by any obscenity, but by the gentle touch of humor intermingled in the story entirely quite apart from any sexual thought.

The hysterical father brought the first laugh in the picture. Light talk by the mother, nurse and doctor brought the others. These were the broad smiles at the outness of the baby and its actions as it was being treated by the nurse, and as it gurgled in its crib.

Yes, it was a bouncing baby girl as healthy a specimen of human life as could be born. She tipped the scales at eight and a quarter pounds, and the first breath of air she drew ended in a good loud cry.

As the crowd was leaving the theatre and as they expressed themselves in the foyer, only complete satisfaction and unanimous approval was heard. We had seen a great picture.

It was plain, but clean. As one of the crowd summed it up: 'Those who came through morbid curiosity were undoubtedly disappointed.'

This picture is to be shown at the PRINCESS THEATRE, Lewisburg, on Monday and Tuesday, October 3 and 4. No Advance in Admission.—adv.

The Seneca Trail Farm Womens Club met at the home of Mrs. Lou Gibson, Friday evening September 16. Several members were present, and one visitor, Mrs. Wainman. The late son, Facing Facts in Our Community was led by Mrs. Ella Gibson; devotional, Mrs. Allie Gibson. We had a report by each member on their project. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

ON THE JOB

A welcome telegram from Congressman Jennings Randolph brings the good news of Presidential approval given to W. P. A. project in amount of \$289,936.00, to construct, reconstruct and improve roads throughout Pocahontas County. Work includes the clearing right of way, excavating, grading, widening, surfacing, improving, etc. Project has been returned to the state office for prosecution.

My impression is this great grant of relief money does not specify particular projects, but is for the roads of the county as a whole. Most of this amount is to be expended for labor, with the state supplementing with thirty percent more money for materials, transportation and the like.

THE GOD OF THE WORLD

The god of the world is preparing for war on a very large scale. No doubt he is girding on winging, but he can do nothing but fall.

He fought and his angels in heaven with Christ and His angels of light. He fought but he was not the winner. The Lord cast him out with His might.

He fell to the earth it is written. He fell to the earth in retreat, and he is now gathering the nations for war and his final defeat.

Another star fell it is written, Christ is now the King on His throne and He is preparing His army. And setting a mark on His own.

The great day is swiftly approaching. The great day of battle is near. The nations of earth are included and they are now shaking with fear.

The great battle ships for the ocean. The great battle planes for the air. The gases and flames of destruction will finally scatter despair.

The god of the world is Satan, because the world does Satan's will. Just look at the great preparation of nations to cripple and kill.

—Harper Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton H. Roberts and daughter Joan, formerly of Washington, D. C., who have been visiting at the home of Charles E. Gum of Mill point, will leave this week for Ohio, where they expect to make their home.

SENECA STATE FOREST OPENED TO HUNTING

Charleston—Two-thirds of Seneca State Forest, 11,000 acres mountain area which has been a closed game refuge for five years, will be open to hunting this fall, Director of Conservation H. W. Shawhan announced today.

Seneca State Forest, located 19 miles north of Huntersville, Pocahontas County, has had a noticeable increase in the last few years, especially of deer and ruffed grouse. It has been held as an inviolate game refuge while the Division of Forestry undertook various game improvement projects. Surveys and game censuses in the last two years have indicated that the game population has reached the point where regulated shooting can be permitted this fall.

Major Shawhan declared: "Seneca State Forest is an example of how a game refuge, fully protected for a period of years, can provide improved hunting in West Virginia.

"Unquestionably many hunters will avail themselves of the opportunity to hunt on this area. The Conservation Commission, in order to control and limit the take from sections of the forest that are open, and also to make a study of the quantity of game taken, will institute certain mandatory regulations to be followed. These regulations are simple, and will not inconvenience the sportsman.

"Hunters are cautioned about the use of fire, matches, cigars, cigarettes, and pipes in the forest. Be careful, so as not to start a fire. Such fires will seriously affect hunting.

"Likewise, the principle of safety first should be carefully observed. All hunters are requested to be careful with firearms. Know exactly what you are shooting before squeezing the trigger. When deer hunting, see the antlers before you shoot."

Commission technicians declared the fact that most of the deer bag in Pocahontas County in the last two years was killed within a few miles of the outer borders of the

forest unquestionably led some persons to believe that the game population is considerably more than actually is the case. It is true that the forest is a good source of supply technicians declared, but more hunters than the area can support may be expected. Therefore, in order to keep a check of the kill and the number of hunters on the forest, these regulations have been adopted:

All hunters must enter the forest and register each day at the forest office building at the junction of the highway and the lake road. This office is located at the old CCC camp.

Hunters must secure a permit tag before entering the shooting area. This tag must be carried on the person of the hunter and returned to the office at the end of each day at which time the bag of game shall be presented for inspection. Failure to check in at the end of each day's hunt will result in cancellation of the permit. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

The one-third closed area includes all the recreational development, game food patches and 3,000 acres of game sanctuaries.

Division of Forestry officials said all forest fire law violations will be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

Browning—Moore

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Maybelle Craig Moore and W. Carson Browning which took place Friday, August 5, 1938, in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Officiating was the Rev. Arden P. Keyser of the Southern Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of E. N. Moore and the late Mrs. Moore of Dunmore. She is a sister of Mrs. J. W. Lyons, wife of Holden's Dr. Lyons.

Mrs. Browning is a member of Princess Aracoma chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Minerva Browning and the late Mr. Thomas Browning. He is a member of the House of Delegates and belongs to the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Browning is established in business here. He was manager of the Consolidated Bus Lines for several years.—Logan Banoff.

P. L. DYSARD
Manager and Owner

PRINCESS THEATRE

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SUDNAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATUR.
House Closed on Sunday	No Advance in Admission	Theatre Open Daily 3 P. M. Saturdays 1 P. M.	The Latest in Modern Theatre Equipment	Courteous Service at All Time	Ask to be put on our mailing list for our w'kly prog'm	Two Good Pictures GENE AUTRY in Man from Music Mo'tain STUART ERWIN in Passport Husband
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Help Us to make October 1938 Our best month	THE BIRTH OF A BABY BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES with Eleanor King—Richard Gordon—Ruth Matteson—William Post		VICTOR McLAGLEN PAUL KELLY in The Devil's Party	SONIA HENIE JOAN DAVIS in My Lucky Star	CLARK GABLE MYRNA LOY in Too hot to handle.	Two Good Pictures Wm. Boyd in BAR 20 JUSTICE Martha Raye in GIVE ME A SAILOR
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SUNDAY MIDNIGHT For Colored Only—Downstairs JOE LOUIS and All Colored Cast in "SPIRIT OF YOUTH"	Dennis O'Keefe in "THE CHASER"	Two Good Pictures Claudette Colbert in "I COVER THE WATERFRONT" Gene Autry in "GOLD MINE IN THE SKY"	Dick Powell Johnny Davis in "COWBOY FROM BROOKLYN"	Randolph Scott Joan Bennett in "THE TEXANS"	Robert Taylor Maureen O'Sullivan in "THE CROWD ROARS"	Two Good Pictures Smith Ballou in "PANAMINT'S BAD MAN" Joe E. Brown in "THE GLADIATOR"
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
306 Pictures offered you in 1937. No other first run Theatre in the state has shown as many	Two Good Pictures Kay Francis in "MY BILL" Laurel and Hardy in "BLOCKHEADS"	Two Good Pictures Bruce Cabot in "TENTH AVENUE KID" Bob Baker in "WESTERN TRAILS"	Warren William Gail Patrick in "WIVES UNDER SUSPICION"	George Raft Henry Fonda in "SPAWN OF THE NORTH"	Charlie McCarthy Adolphe Menjou George Murray in "LETTER OF INTRODUCTION"	Two Good Pictures Richard Arlen in "CALL OF THE YUKON" Charles Starrett in "SOUTH OF ARIZONA"
MONDAY, October 31	24	25	26	27	28	29
Deanna Durbin Jackie Cooper in "THAT CERTAIN AGE"	Two Good Pictures Dainelle Darriveux Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in "THE RAGE OF PARIS" Tex Ritter in "FRONTIER TOWN"	Harold Lloyd in "PROFESSORS BEWARE"	Paul Muni Bette Davis in "BORDERTOWN"	Tyrone Power Alice Faye in "ALEXANDER'S RAG TIME BAND"	Bing Crosby Fred MacMurray in "SING YOU SINNERS"	Two Good Pictures Smith Ballou Lou Gehrig in "RAWHIDE" Jane Withers in "KEEP SMILING"